

## MINERS' LEADER 3 TIMES ALTERS PLEA

Howat First Defies Court,  
Then Admits Guilt and Later  
Demands Trial.

## EAST OHIO MINES OPEN

Soft Coal Prices Quoted Navy  
Show Big Increase—Action  
Is Delayed.

**SPECIAL TO THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.**  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 7.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district miners, brought into court for contempt to-day, first laid down the gauntlet of defiance to the court, then backed down, pleading guilty, changed his mind again and concluded finally to stand trial.

When Howat was brought into court yesterday, he was accompanied by Thomas H. Hays, secretary-treasurer of the miners' union. Judge Curran set the hearing of the case for Friday. Howat, through his attorney, announced that he had no defense to make and that the hearing might as well proceed.

Judge Curran then began to make his findings in the case, committing Howat to jail, when his attorney announced that he was looking over the charges in the case. His clients had decided to make a defense and asked for a continuance until Friday. The request was granted.

Howat's course has set all his friends to guessing. When he started his defiance it was believed he had in mind a general strike. But in changing his mind at the last minute he dispelled that belief. The general feeling in the district is that Howat is playing for position with the miners. The talk here is that he is in desperate straits with the rank and file of the miners and that he is facing a revolt, which threatens to toss him overboard, and that he is looking for some chance to restore himself to favor.

**WORKING, W. Va., April 7.**—Day men employed in the majority of the bituminous coal mines in the West Ohio field returned to work today, under an agreement with the operators that their grievances would be taken up at a conference to be held here April 19.

**WASHINGTON, April 7.**—Bituminous coal prices quoted by the Navy Department in bids opened today showed increases ranging up to \$1.42. The increase in the maximum price in effect until April 1. The bids covered less than one-fifth of the 2,300,000 tons requested for delivery during the year ending next March 31. Action on the bids was deferred.

The navy for the last year has been commandeering its coal under authority of the Lever act.

## HUGHES TO DEFEND MINERS' OFFICERS

43 Indicted Men Will Plead  
Not Guilty, Says Lewis.

The forty-three officers of the United Mine Workers of America under indictment in Indianapolis on charges of conspiracy to raise coal prices will be defended in court by Charles E. Hughes, former United States Supreme Court justice, according to a statement made last night by John L. Lewis, international president of the miners, and the committee in the United League Club.

Mr. Hughes will have complete charge of the defense when the indictments are returned in Indianapolis May 4, and will be assisted by the attorneys for the Mine Workers. It was not announced whether the case would be argued with the cooperation of counsel for the operators or would be handled independently, although miners and operators face similar indictments in the Federal court. The indicted union officers will plead not guilty, Mr. Lewis said.

## BUFFALO SWITCHMEN STRIKE IN SYMPATHY

They Give No Notice to Railroad Officials.

**SPECIAL TO THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.**  
BUFFALO, April 7.—Several hundred switchmen employed on the various lines in the Buffalo territory went on strike to-day in sympathy with the striking switchmen at Chicago. They gave no notice of any sort to railroad officials, who describe the action of the men as "arbitrary and unwarranted."

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and without the sanction of the union officials.  
The strike has caused serious interruption in the freight service of the territory, and will affect traffic moving between the East and West.  
William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, issued a statement to-night in which he reiterated his previous declarations that the Chicago strike was illegal, and that the union would do all in its power to end the trouble and carry out its contracts with the railroads.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 7.**—All switching crews in the Kansas City Southern yards here and part of those in the Wabash yards struck to-night in sympathy with the Chicago strike.

## ARREST 4 IN U. S. IN VILLA MEXICO PLOT

Agents in America Charged  
With Aiding Move to Over-  
throw Government.

**EL PASO, Texas, April 7.**—A widespread revolutionary plot fostered by Villa agents in the United States to overthrow the government in Mexico is being investigated by the Grand Jury here, it became known to-day. Three persons are in jail in this country, while a fourth was arrested by Mexican Federal authorities at Mexicali, Lower California, while attempting to smuggle munitions of war to the revolutionists, it was stated.

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Federal authorities said the correspondence revealed a plot of Villistas and other revolutionists to cross into Lower California, seize that State and the arms and ammunition available there and then attack the States of Sonora and Sinaloa, Mexico, while Villa was to open a revolutionary campaign in Chihuahua.

Several political leaders in Sonora also were linked with the movement, according to the correspondence. Lamberto Chavez, a Colonel in Villa's army, was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., through information contained in the correspondence, and he is said to have confessed.

## 40 Per Cent. Pay Boost for Faculty

**CLEVELAND, April 7.**—Trustees of Western Reserve University voted to-day to increase the salary of its faculty 40 per cent, effective with the beginning of the new term. This is in addition to an increase of 25 per cent, granted last June.

**Refined Cane Sugar \$15.30.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.**—The basic price for refined cane sugar was set at \$15.30 the hundred pounds by the California Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company here to-day, an advance of \$1.20 since yesterday.

## 16,000 RAIL MEN STRIKE IN CHICAGO

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In the event that the union officials fail to not know, but it is likely that they will import strike breakers and try to end the trouble in any way possible.

B. R. Greer, vice-president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, sent word to the strikers to-day that unless

they returned to work by Thursday their positions would be filled.  
R. V. Miller, organizer of the new union—the National Engineers Association, said to-day: "We are organizing to protect against the dilatory tactics of the national officers of the brotherhoods. We are not 'outlaws.' We are the real organization. We have the men behind us. The brotherhoods have only their charters."  
"We have made no demands on the companies yet and will make none until we are fully organized. Then they will be presented in the regular way. We are not promising to back any organization in its strike. What we want is reformation in the brotherhoods' policies."

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## MENDEN DEFENDS DEMPSEY.

### Shoulders Responsibility in Malbone Street Tunnel Wreck Case.

William S. Menden, general manager of the B. R. T., testifying at Mineola yesterday in behalf of John J. Dempsey, shouldered entire responsibility and completely exonerated Dempsey of responsibility in connection with the Malbone street tunnel wreck of November, 1918.  
Menden, who like Dempsey was indicted for manslaughter, won a dismissal of his case in the Supreme Court. He testified that he alone was responsible for installation of safety devices, though he sometimes consulted Dempsey for advice.

## The New York Times Review of Books

NEXT SUNDAY

Publication of The New York Times Review of Books, in half-page form as an individual section of the Sunday edition, will be resumed next Sunday, April 11. Important work of fiction, history, biography, books of travel, books for the young are treated each week in the Review of Books from the viewpoint of news.

### Champ Clark's Reminiscences

In the New York Times Review of Books next Sunday will be published a review of Champ Clark's book "Reminiscences of the Last Twenty-five Years of American Politics," by Dr. Maurice Francis Egan.

### Another Arthurian Poem

"Launcelot," another Arthurian poem, by Edwin A. Robinson, is reviewed by Marguerite Wilkinson, from advanced sheets. This poem won the prize of \$500 offered by Samuel Roth, through his magazine, The Lyric.

## The New York Times NEXT SUNDAY

The Rotogravure-Picture Section will tell, in wonderfully reproduced photographs, the stories of recent happenings throughout the world.

### German Revolution

First photographs from the revolutionary district of Ruhr, Germany, showing civilians fleeing before the red menace, with Allied troops patrolling the streets.

### Burroughs, the Octogenarian

Series of interesting pictures of John Burroughs, the well-known naturalist, celebrating his eighty-third birthday at Ellenville, N. Y.

### Kapp's Downfall

A page of scenes of the temporary reign and sudden downfall of the counter-revolutionary troops of Dr. Kapp and General Baron von Luttwitz.

### "Beautiful Boozy Bimini"

Bimini, 50 miles from Miami, Florida, where prohibition is unknown, and to which thirsty Americans may ferry by seaplane.

### Roosevelt's Bedroom

Restored bedroom of rosewood and satinwood furniture in the New York City home of the Colonel, where he was born and spent his boyhood.

### Dreadnoughts' Target Practice

Target practice of turret and anti-aircraft guns by United States dreadnoughts off Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

### Superdreadnought Tennessee

Newest, largest and most powerful American battleship, lying in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, practically ready to go into commission.

### College Regatta

Finish of Yale-Pennsylvania Boat Races over the American Henley course on the Schuylkill River, viewed from the banks by tens of thousands.

### New German Monoplane

Wreck of the new German monoplane, built entirely of duralumin, recently sent to this country—a total loss on first flight here.

### Caproni Hydro-Triplane

Recently completed and put into commission for service over the Olona River and adjacent waters near Milan. Fitted with three Liberty motors, with a wing spread of 90 feet.

## The New York Times NEXT SUNDAY

Baseball—The Nation's Hobby  
An entertaining story of fandom as the season of 1920 is about to open.

### Climbing an Unconquered Peak

An article by a famous mountain climber, telling of his thrilling adventures on the slopes of Mount Moran, hitherto regarded as an unclimbable peak of the Rockies—described graphically by the man who first made the ascent.

Watchful Waiting in New York Clubs.

According to one clubman, prohibition is hurting New York clubs more in a financial way than in attendance. Members still visit their old haunts but their attitude is one of hopeful waiting. Tea is making insidious advances but soft drinks are neglected.

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